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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports

FROM : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, OMR

SUBJECT : OMR "First Priority" Contributions to IPC
"Top 30" Items for DD/P

1. OMR's contribution to SA/DD/I Planning reflected credit on the Office and all those who participated. Our items were, in my judgment, the most carefully thought out. Our format of problem, justification and specific collection targets, was most effective. Largely due to the foregoing, five of the six OMR submissions are now included in the DD/I List. After merging the problems of joint interest among the three DD/I offices, the list totals nine. (GM and nuclear energy will be considered two additional, joint priority problems.) SA/DD/I Planning will forward the combined list to you shortly.

2. We lost Civil Defense and we had to go up the hill twice on Electronics and Military Expenditures. All other OMR First Priorities were carried on the first try. Oddly enough, we had to do some "educational discussion" of the importance, role and application of the topographic coverage of the USSR at 1:100,000 scale. I had thought that "simply everyone" understood this.

3. SA/DD/I Planning remarked that since we had stated our priorities in terms of problems, with a variety of places to obtain informative bearing thereon, DD/P might wish further guidance on the alternative collection courses and sources. All agreed that this would be a seven-league step forward. I promised OMR's full cooperation in such an event.

4. I am forwarding copies to Ch/G, Ch/E and Ch/FM for their information.

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